

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date February 16, 1988

Full name Richard L. Dickinson Social Security # [REDACTED]
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address [REDACTED]

City Liverpool State New York Zip Code 13088

Date of birth _____ (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age 55 ? (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion Lutheran Nationality _____

Occupation Real Estate Broker, Student, Counselor for Kids (Part Time)

Education High School Nights at Oswego State College _____

Weight 165 ? Height 5' 6" ? Race White

Color of hair Black Color of eyes Hazel/Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Genealogy

Married or single Married Children [REDACTED]

Spouse's name [REDACTED] (number, ages, and names, if possible)

Scouting connections:

<u>Unit No.</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date registered</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
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Troop 65	Liverpool	NY	ASM		
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Special recognition OA Brotherhood; Advisor Unit Elections Committee

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION, AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):

See attached.

Signed [Signature]
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Hiawatha Council #373

APR 14 '88

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

CONF021917

April 22, 1988

Mr. Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive
Hiawatha Council, No. 373

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard L. Dickinson

Dear Don:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

PE/mdw

cc: Northeast Region

CONF021918



HIAWATHA COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



March 22, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription
Boy Scouts of America



Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:

Thanks for returning my call and for your advice re Richard L. Dickinson.
I am enclosing copies of:

District Executive Steven K. McEwan's notes of the meeting with
[redacted] and his mother

Letter from [redacted]

Letter from Sheriff's Dept.

Confidential Record Sheet

Copy of letter of suspension and review process
given to Mr. Dickinson on 3/22/88

Copy of summary of that meeting

If we determine any additional information we will let you know.

Thanks again! By the way, I wanted to mention to you on the phone that
your letter to me on this matter which was dated February 25, 1988 was not
received in this office until March 10, 1988 via pouch mail.

Sincerely,


Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

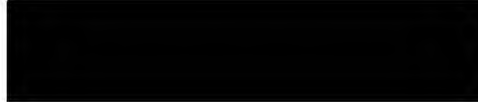
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Enclosures
cc: Jack Bucher, Area Director

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HIAWATHA COUNCIL, INC.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



March 15, 1988

TO: DONALD F. BLACKER
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

FROM: STEVEN K. MC EWAN
SENIOR DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

On Monday, February 8, 1988 I met with [REDACTED] and his mother at the Hiawatha Council Service Center, [REDACTED] Syracuse, New York.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wished to make a complaint about Richard L. Dickinson, Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 65, Liverpool, N.Y.

[REDACTED] told me that three (3) years ago he was invited to spend the weekend at Mr. Dickinson's home. This was not a Scouting event.

Mr. Dickinson told [REDACTED] that he had a surprise for him. That night they watched TV til Mr. Dickinson's [REDACTED] went to bed. Mr. Dickinson then began asking [REDACTED] questions about sex and touching him. The same thing happened Saturday night.

At summer camp (Sabattis) that same year, [REDACTED] went to the showers with a group of Scouts and Mr. Dickinson came along. (It is the Troop's policy that one adult accompany the boys to the showers.)

[REDACTED] said that the entire time he was taking his shower, Mr. Dickinson was watching him. That night at the campfire program, Mr. Dickinson was telling other people about [REDACTED] taking his shower, and what he looked like.

[REDACTED] told me that the Sheriff's Department told her that Mr. Dickinson had to leave Ohio because of this same problem. She also said that it bothers her to hear other mothers (of the boys in the Troop) talking about Mr. Dickinson doing things with their sons. (Meaning - - activities, etc. alone with the boy).

Steven K. McEwan

CONF021920

February 9, 1988

Hiawatha Council

To whom it may concern;

Three years ago I was sexually abused by one of the scout leaders in Troop 65. His name is Mr. Dickenson.

Three years ago, when he joined the troop he asked me to spend the weekend at his house; Friday night, Saturday, Saturday night, and Sunday. Friday night he said he had a surprise for me. We watched t.v.; and after his son went to bed he came over and kneeled on the floor beside the couch where I was laying. He then began to feel and explore my body and asked questions about sexuality; I then went to bed and the same thing happened Saturday night.

That following summer he was a chaperone to me and other boys to the showers at Sabattis. There he watched me as I took my shower. Later at the campfire he told other members of the troop how I looked in the shower.

Mr. Dickenson is always making jokes about male sexuality at meeting and scouting events.

Sincerely,



Scoutmaster's understanding of Comments

1. Dickenson after he ~~came~~ showed
me about how of he nature of "How
well being" he is for a small boy.



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Onondaga County Sheriff's Department

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13202

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February 11, 1988

Mr. Steve McEwan
Hiawatha Council Boy Scouts
of America

Syracuse, NY 13204

Dear Mr. McEwan:

This office recently investigated a report sexual abuse incident involving a 16 year old male by the name off [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a member of the Boy Scouts, located in Liverpool, New York. During my interview with [REDACTED] he spoke of an incident that occurred with an adult member of the same Boy Scout troop. The name of the subject is Richard J. Dickinson.

During this investigation it was established that the crime occurred beyond the statute of limitations and no criminal action could be taken. Due to these allegations, I believed that this matter should be brought to your attention. Thank you for your time in this mater.

Sincerely,

Det. A. Antonello
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HIAWATHA COUNCIL, INC.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

[REDACTED]
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13204-2380
[REDACTED]

March 18, 1988

Mr. Richard Dickinson
[REDACTED]

Liverpool, New York 13088

Dear Mr. Dickinson:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be suspended. We are therefore compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration is enclosed.

You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to suspend registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks to provide for American youth.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a Council review committee, please write to me within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be reinstated. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely,

acg/mz
Attachments

Arnon C. Greif
Council President

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APPLICANT PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING REVIEW OF DECISION

DENYING REGISTRATION

1. If registration is refused, the applicant may request a review of this decision. This request must be in the form of a written request from the individual which includes his or her version of the facts supporting the claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon receipt of the written request for review, the president of the local council shall appoint a committee to review the situation.
3. The appointed committee should review the facts as presented, and, in addition, may interview any persons whose testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. A confidential report will be given to the applicant setting forth the decision of the committee.
5. The applicant may - if he or she does not agree with the decision - request a review from the Regional Director.
6. If the Regional review does not satisfy the applicant, he or she may ask for further review by the National Council. The decision by the National Council is final.



HIAWATHA COUNCIL, INC.
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



March 22, 1988

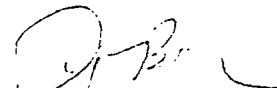
RE: MEETING WITH RICHARD L. DICKINSON
DATE: MARCH 22, 1988
TIME: 12:45 P.M.
LOCATION: COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER
IN ATTENDANCE: Richard L. Dickinson
R. Gary Kruger, Council Commissioner
Donald F. Blacker, Scout Executive
Del Newquist, Assistant Scout Executive

Mr. Kruger read the letter of suspension as well as the procedure for requesting a review to Mr. Dickinson.

Mr. Dickinson indicated that he was not reregistered with the Troop, therefore, should not receive a refund of a registration fee.

He questioned the reason for the suspension. Mr. Kruger and Mr. Blacker indicated that it was due to evidence of improper personal actions with youth, and that any specifics were confidential. His right to request a review was restated. Mr. Dickinson indicated that he had a right to know what he was being charged with. We stated that no charge was being made, but that the Boy Scouts of America has the right and responsibility to determine who will serve as leaders. The review process was pointed out to him again.

He indicated that because of time problems, he was probably going to quit anyway, but is not happy about leaving in this manner and then he walked out without making any indication as to whether or not he would request a review.


Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED ☒

COUNCIL # 373

PHONE NO: [REDACTED]

CALLER: Don Blacker

POSITION: S.E.

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION ☒

VETERANS ☐

EXPLORING ☐

SCOUTING ☐

BOYS' LIFE ☐

UNIT #

DIST. #

EXP. DATE

TRANSMITTAL #

FILM #

Confidential

RE:

Richard Dickinson

SA

50065

ID # 010324

Needs to talk to you before they deliver
a letter

DELIVERING LTR TODAY AT 1 PM

Will send copy of LTR and MTG

(New) Added to CF file

Deleted from registration file

3-22-88

cm

NAME SA

DATE 3/22/88

TIME

R/S-433
3/13/86-clf-567r

CONF021926

C. 373

February 25, 1988

Mr. Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive
Hiawatha Council, No. 373

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Richard J. Dickinson

Dear Don:

This is in response to your letter of February 16 concerning the above-named individual. I think any incident should be carefully investigated in order to make certain that we protect the youth who are involved in Scouting.

I am concerned about the length of time since the incident and also the fact that only one youth is involved. Do you know if there are any other youth who would make statements related to this type of situation?

I believe you should have the Scoutmaster or chartered organization discreetly make some other investigations into this type of situation. We certainly do not want to take the statement of one individual lightly, but why did they wait for three years in order to make charges? Has something recently happened that would cause them to do this? Has [REDACTED] remained an active member of Troop 55 for this entire time or did he drop out of Scouting three years ago?

If you feel that this family is reliable and that the charges are no doubt true, then I believe we should establish a file. We certainly want to protect youth in the future.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet which you could complete so that we may identify Mr. Dickinson. I believe we are in our rights to suspend registration and a letter should be sent to him indicating that. He should also be given the choice for a review.

*Not added to
CF file pending
further word from
Council.*

READY FOR FILE

FEB 25 1988

EVELYN KOLB

2/26/88

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You no doubt will want to discuss this with your council attorney to make sure that he feels the information is solid enough and in enough depth to substantiate our refusal.

Let me know if we may be of help in any other way.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration Service

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Encl.

cc: Northeast Region



HIAWATHA COUNCIL, INC.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



February 16, 1988

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service
Boy Scouts of America



Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Paul:


Please review the attached correspondence (originally brought to our attention by the Sheriff's Department).

Without discussing reasons, the Scoutmaster has asked Mr. Dickinson to step down.

Because of the length of time since the alleged incident, I need your advice as to the next steps. Should the letter be issued and his name placed on the Confidential File? The family does not wish Mr. Dickinson to know of their complaint, although we have said we may have no choice. We are going ahead gathering information for the Confidential Report.

Please advise as soon as possible. Thanks.

Sincerely,


Donald F. Blacker
Scout Executive

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Onondaga County Sheriff's Department

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CONF021930

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